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USDA CONDUCTING DECEMBER HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – November 1, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the December Hogs and Pigs Survey. The agency will survey pork producers for detailed information on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions.

"According to the most recent Quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report in September, there were 75.5 million hogs and pigs in the United States," said Bill Meyer, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "The December survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring, if any."

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in late November. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers, who do not respond by mail or online, to conduct telephone and personal interviews.

The data gathered in these quarterly surveys allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year. This information is used by all sectors of the industry to help make sound and timely business decisions.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. NASS will publish the survey results in the Quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report on December 21.

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